

Music Teacher's Association of California

San Mateo County Branch

Newsletter

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President's Pen Kevin Imbimbo

Dear Members,

We're off to a great start this year! The general meeting on September 16th was well attended and gave us a chance to meet some of the new members. It was also an opportunity for members to give us some input on future programs.

Our next program will be a collaboration with the Palo Alto Branch. On October 13th, Diane Hidy, a teacher and lecturer, will give a presentation at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Check out the Events Page on our website for details and a link to Diane Hidy's website.

We are planning many varied events this year and I think the calendar will be overflowing from now until June. I encourage you to attend these programs. Please invite your students and other musicians to take part in our events. I think that part of our duty as music teachers is to share our knowledge and musical experiences with others. The Community Outreach recitals, our YAG recital, Branch recitals and our master classes are perfect opportunities to invite others to share what our branch has to offer.

Branch Programs Irina Behrendt - Vice President

Dear colleagues,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at our branch meeting in September! Thank you for all the sweet notes to those who could not attend and thank you for filling out the programs survey.

We are having a very busy Fall schedule this year and as a result, you may be receiving several emails from me. The events as planned are the following:

Diane Hidy speaking event, in collaboration with the Palo Alto branch:

October 13th 10:15-12:00pm at the St. Mark's Episcopal Church

600 Colorado St., Palo Alto

YAG recital - Hana Mizuta, piano

October 24th 6:30pm, Wind Room of the Foster City library.

I am so excited to present a young artist from our own branch, a student of Heidi Hau! Bio and program information may be found on our website, under the "News and Events" tab, as well as on our Facebook page. Please, share this with your students, friends and colleagues. We need as much audience as we can handle for this event. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1631031583808078/>

**Chamber Music (all instruments) or solo strings Master Class with Victoria Ehrlich, cello
November 24th 12:30-2pm at the Burlingame Music School, 1501 Bayshore Hwy, Burlingame**

Please, use this form to apply: <http://goo.gl/forms/HP6CwznzCv> and email me with any questions.

In addition, we are going to have another Concerts for Kids Series next Spring, so please mention it to your students' families while we are in the midst of the Practice-a-Thon fundraiser! (I'll keep the details a secret for now, but it will be a hit!)

Happy Fall, everyone!

Certificate of Merit

Marcella Toma

Dear CM Teachers,

First of all, I would like to let you know how happy I was to see so many of you at our first membership meeting last week. A real success, thanks to Irina Behrendt, our wonderful Vice-President.

Important Deadline Information:

The Registration Period for Certificate of Merit is:

OCTOBER 1st through OCTOBER 31st, 2015. The Registration Database closes at 11:59 PM for the entire State. No late Registration will be possible after this date.

NOVEMBER 1st - One check per teacher for the Registration fees, with the Students List and Teachers Work Agreement signed, mailed to the branch CM Chair.

CM Strings, Winds and Voice teachers, please do not forget the Accompanist fee \$15.00 per student.

You may find the Teachers Work Agreement on our branch's website under the "Certificate of Merit Program": mtacsanmateo.org

PANEL Information:

CM Panel for North Regional and Final auditions will be held at Diablo Valley Community College of Pleasanton Hill on February 20, 21 and 27, and April 8, 9 and 10, respectively.

Please email Grace Yu gracemyu@yahoo.com, our Regional Panel Coordinator, if you have any questions regarding Panel audition information.

Community Outreach Program

Deanna Du Bois

The Community Outreach Recital of September 20th was very well received by the audience and residents of the Leslie Foundation Retirement Home, Belmont. There were 20 performers, most of whom were pianists and a handful of violin players accompanied by our Vice-President, Irina Behrendt. All of the students played wonderfully!

The participation for the November 8th recital at the Millbrae Manor is practically full. There are openings for one or two more students.

The Practice-a-thon (PATH) is now underway. Here is my latest PATH message if you didn't catch my last email.

PATH Kickoff insights, tips and information:

In the process of talking to parents/students and encouraging them to participate, I've come to the conclusion that we as teachers need to **SELL the PATH!**

TALK to parents and check to see if they or their child/children have asked any pledges to sponsor them.

Tell them it is easy when you ask relatives, close friends and neighbors. Have the pledge come up with the amount he/she will sponsor.

NEW: The winners (most practiced, most consecutive practice, etc.), will be recognized at the **Branch Recital Saturday, January 30, 2016**. They can show up to perform and/or to receive their award. More info on this soon!

VOCE
Gina Vandellos

VOCE is a competition for vocalists, strings, winds/brass and chamber music at the Branch and State levels. The San Mateo County branch will take part in the VOCE program every other year. Since we participated last year, we will not be active in the Spring of 2016. If you have any questions, please contact me at: mtacsmmembership@gmail.com.

Corresponding Secretary
Deanna Du Bois

Here is an announcement from our Recital Hall Director, Natalie Griffin:

Cavani String Quartet to perform in Burlingame at the Kohl Mansion Sunday, October 18th, 7:00 pm. Tickets available online at www.musicatkohl.org Student tickets are only \$15!

- Cavani String Quartet

Described by the Washington Post as "completely engrossing, powerful and elegant," the Cavani String Quartet's performances embody a natural empathy and passion, which continue to electrify and inspire audiences across the country. Quartet in Residence at The Cleveland Institute of Music since 1988, Cavani is the only ensemble to be selected twice, in 2005 and 2011, to receive the Guarneri String Quartet Award for Artistic Excellence, from Chamber Music America. The Quartet has been featured on National Public Radio's Performance Today, "Says you!" and St. Paul Sunday Morning, NBC, CBS, ABC, and PBS television.

Leaders in the field of Arts in Education, the Cavani Quartet has received no less than ten Chamber Music America Residency Partnership Grants. At the Cleveland Institute of Music the Cavani Quartet has developed The Intensive Quartet Seminar, the Apprentice Quartet Program, and The Art of Engagement for student ensembles devoted to the serious study of chamber music. The Quartet has been on the Advisory Board of Amateur Chamber Music Players and currently serves on the Honorary Board of the Suzuki Association of the Americas.
